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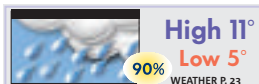
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Playing in the rain

Sangeetha Rajesh with her son Saij, 2, head out for a walk in the temperamental rain periods the city has faced for weeks. Sangeetha can't wait for it to stop but her children love playing in the rain. Story, page 3.

City plan lauded

Homeless strategy to be synergized with Alberta initiatives: Minister

By NEIL MACKINNON
Metro Calgary

Calgary's 10-year plan to end homelessness will play a pivotal role as the province continues to formulate a plan of its own, said Alberta's minister of housing and urban affairs.

Yvonne Fritz told a Calgary Chamber of Commerce luncheon yesterday the province intends to synergize

affordable housing

» Fritz also said the province plans to create 11,000 new affordable housing units by 2012.

homeless initiatives in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer in developing its own five-year plan.

"Affordable housing and homelessness has never, ever affected business so directly," said Fritz, noting Alberta is competing with Saskatchewan for skilled labour and housing figures prominently in the contest.

Fritz also outlined a request for

proposal that would open up funding for non-profit organizations with nearly \$1 billion in initiatives the province has been unrolling to fill the affordable housing gap and aid the burgeoning ranks of the homeless.

Calgary Homeless Foundation president Tim Richter said he's optimistic about the province's direction, noting getting homeless folks off the streets will hopefully create an atmosphere where the root causes of homelessness can be addressed.

"The services that go with the housing are a critical component."

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Police ID pilot killed in crash

The victim of Monday's plane crash at the Springbank Airport has been identified as 55-year-old Calgarian Luigi Carlesimo.

Carlesimo was the pilot and sole occupant of the four-person single piston engine aircraft which crashed only a few hundred feet after departing around 10 a.m. He had radioed an emergency call just before the crash occurred just to the right of the main runway. The Transportation Safety Board is investigating the incident and will release a report.

KRISTIA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Bylaw enforcer lets grass grow

The city's bylaw boss doesn't expect the "impossible" from homeowners during the recent downpour — but he wants short grass once the rain clears up.

Bill Bruce told Metro the city understands it's hard to keep lawns short with the recent rain and won't be handing out any warnings — yet.

"We know it's been raining and we don't expect people to be out there mowing their lawns. When the sun comes out they should do the right thing," he said, adding some lawns are five inches long.

"But I expect a lot of people will be out this weekend when the rain clears up anyways."

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Ernest Morrow Junior High School in the city's southeast was evacuated yesterday after about 35 students were sprayed in the face with bear repellent by errant students. EMS and fire crews treated and released those affected, and the school sent students home.

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Gays main hate targets

Numbers affected likely higher than reported: Police

By KRISTA SYLVESTER
Metro Calgary

A day after Statistics Canada named Calgary as the national leader in hate crimes, local police say the city's gay and lesbian community is taking the brunt of it.

A further look into the numbers revealed the country's gay and lesbian community is facing violent hate crimes at an alarming rate, and Calgary police diversities unit Cnst. Lynn MacDonald said the city is the same.

"Usually the numbers are pretty consistent across the board," MacDonald told Metro. "Unfortunately, we are definitely seeing a number of violent crimes committed against the gay, lesbian and transgendered community."

While the Stats Canada re-



Residents in Bridgeland are warning members of the community about a known racist group in the city. Calgary is leading the nation in hate crimes says a Statistics Canada report released Monday.

«It is scary. You actually never know who is out there to get you for really, no reason at all.»

Gay man afraid to identify himself

port revealed that the city is leading the nation in race and ethnicity crimes, MacDonald said that is in the

property damage category whereas most gay hate crimes are personal attacks.

MacDonald said most in the community are too afraid to report crime, so those numbers may actually be a lot higher.

"The community is still reluctant to come forward though because if they do they are outing themselves

and a lot of them aren't ready to do that."

One usually openly gay man who is too afraid to identify himself said he was attacked outside a local gay bar one night "just because he was gay."

"It is scary. You actually never know who is out there to get you for really, no reason at all," he said.

Get outside — even in the rain

Don't need sun to kick rainy-day blues

By ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

The gloom and doom of the recent rainy weather in the city may have more side effects than simply feeling annoyed with a broken umbrella or disappointed your barbecue has been cancelled.

Some theories say that a lack of vitamin D could contribute to a sense of feeling down according to Dr. Michael Maclean, a clinical psychologist with Maven Health and Wellness in Calgary, especially for those prone to depression.

Seasonal affective disorder, though not classified separately anymore, but is a type of major depression, is

considered to be something that two to four per cent of the population suffer from, but a person might feel a little down from the lack of sunshine even if they don't have the technical condition.

"I think (the weather) has a negative effect on lots of people," said Maclean, who believes it's most often the feeling of being cooped up that gets people feeling down and out.

"If we're not out doing things we enjoy, it does have a detrimental effect on our mood," he said.

While sunlight is preferable, light therapy and behavioural therapy have shown to be effective treatments.

While it's tempting to stay indoors, he recommends getting out as much as possible to kick those rainy-day blues.



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Don't hold your breath

City unlikely to
follow Okotoks lead

By NEIL MACKINNON
Metro Calgary

Calgary isn't likely to follow its anti-smoking southern neighbours' lead, but one city alderman wouldn't rule it out.

Okotoks town council Monday passed the first read-

ing of a bylaw that intends to ban smoking in cars with children present and its author, Stephen Clark, said he was "very happy" it will be taken to a public hearing June 23 and expects it will survive through third reading.

Calgary alderman Dale Hodges, who thinks it's a matter best handled by the province, said he's heard of no plans to bring such a smoking

bylaw into effect in Calgary.

"But if there's one thing I've learned over the years, it's that anything is possible, you never know what a council member might bring up," said Hodges.

Action on Smoking and Health's Robyn Hauck Okotoks' efforts, but doesn't foresee the city ever undertaking such a ban.

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Turning tech into art

By KRISTA SYLVESTER
Metro Calgary

They're already "tech savvy" but now a local arts centre is encouraging kids and teens to connect their modern knowledge with creative expression.

The EPCOR Centre for Performing Arts made some innovative additions to their summer camps for kids between seven and 17, including video, podcast and other creative means of art.

"We're encouraging kids to use their imaginations, creative and emotions and ex-

press them in any way they want. It's a great opportunity for kids to take art to the streets," EPCOR director of arts learning Grisell Amaro Galvan told Metro.

"This iPod culture of kids and teens already know about the technology, but we're trying to teach them how to use that savvy and bring their creative touch to Calgary," she added. The registration for the 2008 summer classes begin July 7. For more information please visit www.epcor-centre.org or call 294-7455.

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degree

Mount Royal prez honoured

MARSHALL The president of Mount Royal College received an Education honorary degree from his peers back at Nipissing University, based in North Bay, Ont., where he was president for 13 years.

Dr. David Marshall feels it is a "special reward to receive," and delivered the convocation address to the graduates in the education programs.

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RCMP knew of Couillard

Were familiar with Bernier's ex before affair became public

The Mounties have confirmed they knew about Julie Couillard before her bombshell relationship with Maxime Bernier hit the headlines.

Deputy Commissioner Raf Souccar revealed yesterday that Couillard, who has past ties to biker gangs, was no stranger to the force.

"I am familiar with this matter. I am familiar with Ms. Couillard. However, it would be inappropriate for me to be talking about a specific case," he told the Commons public safety committee.

Asked point-blank whether Couillard was

known to the RCMP before she hit the spotlight last August as Bernier's girlfriend, Souccar replied, "Yes, she was."

Bernier lost his cabinet post just over two weeks ago after Couillard revealed to a French-language television

tangled web

» Quebec's Public Works Minister Michael Fortier dismissed senior Quebec adviser Bernard Côté yesterday after it emerged Côté had a romantic relationship with Julie Couillard last year.

news show that he had left sensitive government papers at her house for more than five weeks. The Commons com-

mittee yesterday launched hearings into Bernier's security slip. But opposition MPs seemed frustrated when Souccar and assistant commissioner Bob Paulson refused to say whether there's an ongoing probe.

Couillard has been invited to testify and may early next week. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Harper Warming relations



Prime Minister Stephen Harper kisses Chile's President Michelle Bachelet during a luncheon in Ottawa yesterday. The two leaders signed a memorandum of understanding Monday to bolster relations between the two countries.

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» **INUIT** Twenty schools in Newfoundland and Labrador have had their requests to be included in the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement denied, based on technicalities of who ran the schools and what length of time they were operated.

» **KHADR** A Commons subcommittee has called on the federal government to immediately seek the return of Guantanamo detainee Omar Khadr. It declares a firm belief that Khadr, aged 15 at the time, was a child soldier and should be treated as such. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Hillier to become Democracy chair

Retiring general given honorary position in N.S.

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

Democracy 250 has a brand-new public face: General Rick Hillier.

Former Nova Scotia premier and Democracy 250 co-chair John Hamm announced yesterday Canada's chief of defence staff will be the honorary national chair of the committee.



Hillier

"When General Hillier speaks, Canadians listen," Hamm told reporters at Province House.

The former premier convinced Hillier, who is retiring as chief of defence in July, to join the team because of his long-standing commitment to democracy in Canada and abroad. Hillier said he accepted the position for three reasons: Canadian Forces members like himself work

toward democracy every day; the Democracy 250 committee has made a point of highlighting the service of the men and women of the Canadian Forces; and finally, he felt the need to give back to Nova Scotia.

"A standard has been set here for supporting people who serve the country," he said.

Throughout his years of military service, he said he's learned Canada has a system of democracy that is envied worldwide.

He said he's seen the people of Afghanistan walk for hours through hills and mountains to stand in line for the opportunity to cast a vote. "In Canada, sometimes we're complacent about the values and privileges we have," he said.

He said his mission as honorary chair of the committee will be to educate Canadians about the importance of democracy.

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A study in contrasts

Potential first ladies differ in many respects

Michelle Obama and Cindy McCain share a dislike of rough-edged U.S. politics. Each tried to talk her spouse out of running for the White House.

Obama, wife of Democratic candidate Barack Obama, and McCain, who is married to Republican John McCain, are both known for an elegant sense of style, lending glamour to their husbands' campaigns.

But the aspiring first ladies have plenty of differences.

Obama, 44, is a Princeton- and Harvard-educated lawyer raised by blue-collar parents on the working-class South Side of Chicago.

Until recently, she juggled a job as a hospital executive with raising two young daughters and lending sup-



Michelle Obama



Cindy McCain

port to her 46-year-old husband's political aspirations.

The strong-minded Obama exudes confidence and is an accomplished public speaker. But her penchant for outspokenness has also drawn some criticism.

McCain, 54, the Arizona

senator's second wife, is reserved and seems far less comfortable in the limelight when she campaigns with her husband, who is 18 years her senior.

The blond, blue-eyed McCain is a former rodeo queen and cheerleader who holds a

master's degree in special education from the University of Southern California.

She grew up in a wealthy family in Phoenix and is heiress to Hensley & Co, one of the largest U.S. distributors for brewing giant Anheuser-Busch.

patriot games

» In one comment seized upon by conservative Internet bloggers, Michelle Obama remarked, "For the first time in my adult life, I am proud of my country." That led critics to accuse her of being unpatriotic, saying that her comment made it appear she had not been proud of her country before her husband ran for president.

» A day later, Cindy McCain told a campaign rally, "I am proud of my country. I don't know about you, if you heard those words earlier — I am very proud of my country."

Last month, she released a tax return showing she made about \$6 million in 2006. McCain has raised four children, including a daughter, Bridget, 16, whom she adopted from Mother Teresa's orphanage in Bangladesh.

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Eldest incest child wakes from coma

CASE The eldest daughter from an incestuous relationship between Austrian Josef Fritzl and his daughter, whom he kept locked in a cellar for 24 years, has been revived from an artificial coma, hospital sources said yesterday.

Doctors put her into an artificial coma after she suffered from cramping fits due to oxygen deficiency and kidney problems and was brought from the cellar to hospital by Fritzl.

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china

Don't ruin Games, Dalai Lama told

OLYMPICS China yesterday called on the Dalai Lama and his supporters to halt Tibet protests and attempts to "ruin the Olympics," in order to create the conditions for future roundtable talks.

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An image taken from video footage shows a Sudan Airways plane burning on the tarmac of Khartoum airport yesterday.

Plane fire leaves 28 dead

A Sudanese airliner burst into flames after landing in Khartoum overnight in bad weather, killing at least 28 of the 217 people on board, officials said late yesterday.

Khartoum airport's head of medical services, Major-General Mohamed Osman Mahjoub, said authorities had so far established there were 123 survivors but 66 people were unaccounted for. The plane's emergency chutes enabled the survivors to escape.

explosion

» Mabrouk Mubarak Salim, minister of State for Transport, said there was an explosion in the right side of the engine. "So far we don't have precise information but we think the weather is a main reason for what happened."

Twenty-eight bodies had been taken to a nearby mortuary, said Mahjoub, adding that some of the 66 people unaccounted for might have

survived and left the airport during the confusion after the plane fire broke out last night. The nationalities of the dead were not immediately known.

The Sudan Airways plane, identified by Sudanese television only as an Airbus without any model details, was carrying 203 passengers and 14 crew on a flight from Jordan's capital Amman.

A dust storm and heavy rain had hit the airport yesterday, officials said.

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» **ICE** If Arctic sea ice starts melting fast, polar bears and ring seals wouldn't be the only creatures to feel it. A study released yesterday suggests it could spur warmer temperatures hundreds of kilometres inland. That means a possible thaw in the long-frozen soil known as permafrost, which in turn could have severe effects on ecosystems, human infrastructure like oil rigs and pipelines, and the release of more global warming greenhouse gases in Russia, Alaska and Canada, the scientists said.

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Bank pulls surprise

Keeps overnight rate at 3 per cent



transparency

» The bank prides itself on transparency in setting monetary policy. A loss of credibility could create uncertainty in financial markets and lead consumers to doubt the bank's ability to attain its goal of low and stable inflation.

Canadian investors are in for a period of second-guessing the Bank of Canada on monetary policy after a surprise freeze on interest rates exposed a rare disconnect between the market and policymakers.

The central bank held its overnight rate steady at 3 per cent yesterday due to inflation concerns. The market had placed its bets on a quarter-point cut, based on dovish signals from the bank's governing council that were later

reinforced by an unexpected economic contraction in the first quarter. It is highly unusual for markets to misread the bank's thinking so completely.

The bank said in April it would likely cut it overnight rate further, after lopping off 150 basis points since December. Analysts acknowledge that, while the

unpredictability may coincide with the new leadership of Governor Mark Carney, the more likely explanation is the need to be flexible.

Carney, who vowed to improve transparency at the bank shortly after taking office, is simply paying heed to the very sudden threat from soaring oil prices, analysts said.

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Fosters Group CEO quits



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A man walks out of the Fosters Group head office in Melbourne, Australia, yesterday. The brewer's chief executive resigned as the company cut its profit forecasts and began a review of its wine business, the expansion of which he had overseen.

Oil price review set

U.S. regulators stepped up their efforts yesterday to determine why prices for oil and a range of other commodities have surged dramatically this year.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission announced that an interagency panel, including the Federal Reserve, Treasury Department and others, will assess price increases and trading in a range of commodities.

At a meeting with top Wall Street energy market players, a CFTC official said the government must investigate the run-up in oil prices.

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takeover bid

Precision offers to buy Grey Wolf

DRILLER Precision Drilling Trust said yesterday it has made an unsolicited \$9-per-share bid, worth about \$1.6 billion in total, for contract oil driller Grey Wolf Inc. in order to boost its U.S. presence. Chief executive Kevin Neveu said Grey Wolf, which has 121 rigs, offered "a significant U.S. footprint."

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» **SEARCH** Law enforcement officials are searching for a former hedge fund manager who cheated investors out of more than \$400 million US, after finding his car on a New York bridge with the words "Suicide is Painless" etched onto it. Police suspect Samuel Israel III might have killed himself to avoid a 20-year prison sentence after he failed to turn himself in and his abandoned vehicle was found on the Bear Mountain Bridge. However, a search for a body found nothing.

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The Los Angeles Kings yesterday fired Marc Crawford, left, after only two seasons as head coach. Crawford posted two subpar seasons at the Kings' helm, going 59-84-21 over 164 games. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Spain reigns over Russia

Sweden cruises past defending champions

EURO 2008

Spain striker David Villa suggested that his country could put a 44-year record of under-achievement on the big soccer stage finally behind them when he lit up Day 4 of Euro 2008 yesterday.

Villa, who found the ideal partner in Fernando Torres, grabbed the first hat-trick of the tournament in dispatching Russia 4-1 in Group D in Innsbruck. Cesc Fabregas scored the other Spanish goal.

"I'm very pleased about the way things went, but especially for the three points we've now got under our belts," the 26-year-old striker told reporters. "We all said it was vital to start with a win and we did just that. I'm also happy for the goals, but that's the job I have to do."

In yesterday's other game, Euro 2004 champs Greece succumbed 2-0 to Sweden in a dull match that only came to life 67 minutes in when Zlatan Ibrahimovic broke the ice. Petter Hansson added the second goal five minutes later to put the game out of reach.

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David Villa of Spain celebrates after scoring his second goal against Russia yesterday during Group D play at Euro 2008 in Innsbruck, Austria. Villa earned a hat trick in a 4-1 win.

CFL cheerleader feeling the heat

Players constantly jump from team to team as free agents. But cheerleaders?

Asha Tomlinson, 29, may have started something of a trend, at least in the CFL. A former cheerleader for the Toronto Argonauts, Tomlinson is the newest member of the Edmonton Eskimos' cheerleading squad. Interestingly, she also is a reporter and host for Citytv's Breakfast Television in Edmonton.

A five-foot, 125-pounder, Tomlinson is a Toronto native. She admits she's feeling the same type of heat that players do when they bolt.

"My friends in Toronto have a problem with (her cheering for the Eskos)," she said. "They're like, 'What are you doing? Eskimos? Where's your loyalty?' But I'm an Edmontonian now."

Check out Asha at www.citytv.com/edmonton/personalities_7472.aspx.

» So some TV station in Britain actually conducted a survey to determine which country in the Euro Cup 2008 competition has the best-looking fans.

Results: Sweden won with 33 per cent, followed by Italy (14 per cent), Spain (eight) and the Netherlands (six). Zilch for Germany, Romania and Turkey.

» New Maple Leafs coach Ron Wilson made it clear at his introductory media conference yesterday that his team will be in transition.



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Translation: Don't expect the Leafs to make the playoffs in 2008-09 and don't criticize the coach for inheriting a dog of a team.

And why would Wilson mention at the conference that he was born in the same Windsor hospital as Richard Peddie? The Leafs' front-office chief isn't exactly Mr. Popular in Toronto these days, is he?

» Big names are swirling in baseball's trade winds.

Power hitters Magglio Ordonez and Adam Dunn are being dangled by the Detroit Tigers and Cincinnati Reds, respectively. One could join the Boston Red Sox, who may need to replace David Ortiz (wrist injury).

Also, Erik Bedard can be had and the Seattle Mariners are listening to offers for the Ontario-born pitcher. The Philadelphia Phillies have offered a pack of prospects. The Blue Jays have mild interest.

Don't be surprised, incidentally, if Seattle fires manager John McLaren tomorrow.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

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Game 3 — Last night
L.A. Lakers 87 Boston 81
Game 4 — Tomorrow
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 7
Game 5 — Sunday
*Boston at L.A. Lakers, 7
Game 6 — Tuesday
*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7
Game 7 — Thursday, June 19
*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7
(Boston leads series 2-1)
(* — if necessary)

MLB

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 10 Boston 6
Cleveland 1 Minnesota 0
Detroit 6 Chicago White Sox 4
Toronto 3 Seattle 1
Texas 6 Kansas City 5
L.A. Angels 6 Tampa Bay 1
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Florida 5 Philadelphia 4
St. Louis 7 Cincinnati 2
Washington 7 Pittsburgh 6
Houston 6 Milwaukee 1

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Czech Rep. 1 0 0 1 0 3
Switzerland 0 1 0 1 0 1
Turkey 0 1 0 2 0 0

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Spain 1 0 0 4 1 3
Sweden 1 0 0 2 0 3
Greece 0 1 0 0 2 0
Russia 0 1 0 1 4 0

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GROUP C

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France 0 0 1 0 0 1
Romania 0 0 1 0 0 1
Italy 0 1 0 0 3 0

GROUP D

Spain 1 0 0 4 1 3
Sweden 1 0 0 2 0 3
Greece 0 1 0 0 2 0
Russia 0 1 0 1 4 0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Spain 4 Russia 1
Sweden 2 Greece 0

TODAY'S GAMES

Czech Republic vs. Portugal, 10
Switzerland vs. Turkey, 12:45

BASEBALL

GOLDEN BASEBALL LEAGUE

GAMES FEATURING THE

CALGARY VIPERS:

LAST NIGHT'S RESULT

Saint George at CALGARY (ppd, rain)

TONIGHT'S GAME

Saint George at CALGARY, 7

»sports In Brief

» **NBA** The Los Angeles Lakers battled their way back into the title hunt by defeating the Boston Celtics 87-81 last night, trimming their NBA Finals series deficit to 2-1. Kobe Bryant led the way for L.A., scoring 36 points. Game 4 of the best-of-seven series is scheduled for Thursday in Los Angeles.



Wilson

» **NHL** The Toronto Maple Leafs named Ron Wilson their new head coach yesterday. Wilson was fired by the San Jose Sharks following their elimination in the second round of this spring's playoffs. He spent

four-plus seasons in San Jose and has also coached Washington and Anaheim during a 14-year tenure.

» **NHL** The Anaheim Ducks traded defenceman Marc-Andre Bergeron to the Minnesota Wild yesterday in exchange for a third-round pick in the upcoming NHL entry draft.

» **CFL** Two-time Grey Cup champion and longtime Winnipeg Blue Bombers linebacker Tyrone Jones passed away yesterday after battling brain cancer since August 2005. He was 46.

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Toyota's perfect combo

Matrix mixes economy, sport and utility

By B. MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Calgary

Toyota used an ultra-hip specialty car show when it debuted its new Matrix five-door to instill it with an instant 'cool' credibility. That move might have come about because the average buyer of the last Matrix was over 50 ... and Toyota wants to skew that demographic more towards the lucrative youth market.

Built in California along side its Pontiac Vibe mechanical twin — and also in Cambridge, Ont. — the Matrix wagon blends the "affordability of a subcompact sedan and functionality of an SUV with the style, image and performance of a sports car."

Wider and lower, this edgy-looking second-generation Matrix shares its engine lineup with its GM cousin, starting with a fuel-conscious 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine producing 132 horsepower. Toyota, however, uses its own variable valve timing system to maximize engine performance and fuel economy.

For those craving a bit more grunt, the Matrix also offers a 158 hp, 2.4-litre 'four'.

Pricewise there's something for every budget,



Matrix blends the affordability of a subcompact sedan and functionality of an SUV with the style and performance of a sports car.

starting at a low-low base price of \$15,705 for the base front-wheel-drive model with manual transmission. Standard is a four-speaker AM/FM/CD/MP3 sound system with auxiliary input jack, rear-seat heater ducts and side window defoggers, 60/40-split fold down rear seat, rev counter, outside temp gauge, digital clock, dual vanity mirrors, tilt-telescopic steering wheel, tonneau cover, cargo-area lighting, lots of storage, an engine immobilizer and foldable power-heated side mirrors.

2009 Toyota Matrix

- Type: Compact 5-pass. wagon FWD
- Price: \$15,705 - \$26,855
- Engine: 1.8L L4 DOHC/2.4L L4 DOHC
- HP: 132 @ 6,000 rpm/158 @ 6,000 rpm
- Torque: 128 @ 4,400 rpm/162 @ 4,000 rpm

Highlights:

- Lots of choices
- Better looks
- Return of all-wheel-drive availability

A \$2,540 B Package adds air conditioning, keyless entry, power windows and locks, rear bumper protector and a tire pressure monitoring system. The \$3,965 Tour-

ing Package brings the 'B' items plus 16-inch alloy wheels, cruise control, a rear spoiler, scuff plates and fog lamps.

All of which still allows

the Matrix to list at under 20 grand with a five-speed manual. The automatic is an additional \$1,010.

Moving up the \$19,180 Matrix XR, its bigger 2.4-litre engine offers a significant power boost.

A great decision was to bring back the all-wheel-drive Matrix, equipped with the 2.4 engine and only available with the four-speed automatic at \$22,330.

It's a base Matrix, plus keyless entry and hatch release, an upgraded lighting system, variable-speed wipers, tire pressure monitoring, power locks and cli-

mate control. An all-wheel-drive XR will set you back \$24,945 with the Sport package going for \$26,855.

At the top of the range is the \$25,220 Matrix XRS. Performance differences over the other models include beefier suspension bits and 18-inch wheels.

Any way you look at it, the Matrix is just about all the vehicle you'll ever need and, with its combination of stylish design, good options and aggressive pricing, it's a lot more versatile, sporty and fun-to-drive than similarly priced small sedans.

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Insider's guide to Budapest

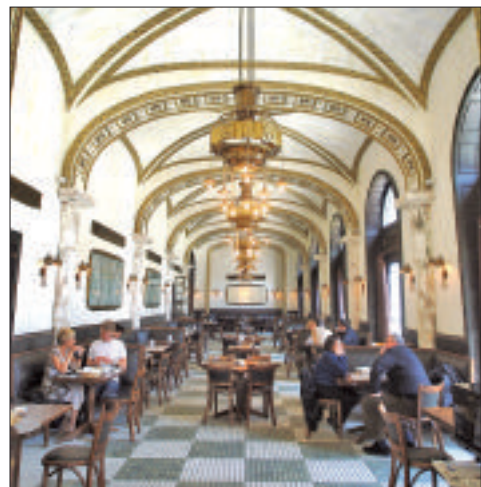
Ancient city suits travel budgets large and small

By SZONJA KREZINGER
Metro World News

This beautiful city with its grand 19th century buildings offers the perfect ingredients for a summer city break: Stunning architecture, delicious food, fun people, beautiful weather, museums full of fabulous art, public parks, swimming pools and spas to loaf in, and most importantly, prices that won't break the bank.



Left, the exterior of Budapest's Gellért Thermal Bath, which opened in 1918. Right, newly opened bar Callas.



METRO WORLD NEWS

where to stay

BUDGET:

EASYHOTEL OKTOGON — This budget hotel opened in the centre of town last October. Book ahead to get the best deals. You won't get room service, but the hotel is still perfect for travellers low on cash. 1067 Eötvös utca 25/a, easyhotel.com.

MID-RANGE:

IBIS HOTEL VÁCI ÚT — This is a chain hotel with clean, basic rooms, and it's just three underground stops from the city

centre. From \$121. 1134 Dózsa György út 65, www.accor-pannonia.hu.

DELUXE:

FOUR SEASONS GRESHAM PALACE BUDAPEST — Regarded as one of the world's finest Art Nouveau buildings, this majestic landmark overlooks the Danube. The lobby features original stained-glass, elegant ironwork and intricate mosaics. 1051 Roosevelt tér 5-6. www.fourseasons.com/budapest.

what to see

Even a stroll down the streets of Budapest can be a cultural experience. Andrássy út — the avenue leading from Hősök tere (Heroes Square) to Erzsébet tér — is where you'll find the major theatres and museums, and is a UNESCO World Heritage site, as is the underground that you can hop on to get around town.

Alternatively, cross the Danube to the Buda side and check out the Castle Area, where you'll find more museums and have a splendid view of Pest, also a World Heritage site.

In the summer, cool down by taking a trip across Margaret Bridge to Margaret Island, which has beaches that

are thronged with locals in warm weather.

where to shop

Pick salamis are the finest in Hungary: Find the whole selection at their store near to the Parliament at Kossuth Lajos. tér 9.

For Budapest's best contemporary designer clothes, visit Vass Éva's shop at Paulay Ede utca 67 www.vasseva.com. Éva also designs costumes for movies and theatre.

where to take the waters

Budapest has been a popular spa destination since Roman times, with steam rooms that utilize the healing properties of the area's natural springs. Even if you don't have a skin or joint condition that needs treating, visit the baths for a relaxing day out.

GELLÉRT THERMAL BATH — The history of taking the water here dates back to the 15th century. In 1918, a beautiful hotel was built on the spring, with a splendid spa that's now open for both hotel guests and day visitors.

Inside, a variety of steam rooms and pools offer dif-

ferent health benefits, and outside are several pools and sunbathing areas. Entrance from \$17 for swimming pool with locker. Budapest, Kelenhegyi út 4, www.gellertbath.com.

SZÉCHENYI BATH — One of the largest spa complexes in Europe, the Neo-Baroque Széchenyi was built in 1913 and offers 15 different pools and baths. Budapest, Állatkerti krt. 11.

where to eat

MÁTYÁS PINCE — This is the place to go to if you want to find out what Hungarian food really tastes like.

There's live gypsy music at lunchtime and in the evening. Main courses around \$15. Budapest Március 15. tér 7.

SPOON CAFE & LOUNGE — Trendy café and restaurant on a 75-metre, three-decked docked boat on the river Danube with a beautiful view over the Buda part of the city.

Main courses from \$25. Spoon is on the River Danube in front of the Hotel InterContinental on the Pest side, www.spooncafe.hu

where to drink

ALOE CAFÉ — A popular

place with a younger crowd, thanks to its cheap prices. Budapest Zichy Jenő utca 37, www.aloe cafe.hu.

CALLAS — A newly-opened bar designed by David Collins, a friend and designer of Madonna's. Budapest, VI. ker. Andrássy út 20, www.callascafe.hu.

MORRISON'S MUSIC CLUB — For 14 years this bar has hosted those who want to have a drink and a dance as well, with free beers on Monday until 11 p.m. Budapest Révassy utca 25, www.morrisonshu.

ROCKTOGON — An underground venue where you can discover Hungarian rock. Entrance: \$3.80. Beer from \$2. Concerts start at 8 p.m. Budapest Mozsár u. 9, rocktogan.hu.

CAFE RIO — A really trendy open-air bar on the Buda side of the city. Beer from \$3, cocktails at \$9. Located at the Buda end of Petőfi bridge, www.rio.hu.

MOULIN ROUGE — An all-in-one destination with a cafe, disco, restaurant and bar. The cuisine is Mediterranean, and the musical menu has a line up of hip local and foreign DJs. Budapest Nagymez u. 17, www.moulinrouge.hu.

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High-rolling on the high seas

At \$55,000 a week, a luxury yacht cruise through British Columbia's Gulf Islands isn't for the fiscally-challenged. The Pacific Yellowfin draws a clientele of high-rollers who don't mind dropping some coin on a pimped-out holiday. Last week members of Pearl Jam chartered the yacht and explored the islands and inlets that stretch 120 km across the Canadian/US border.

A week on this cruise costs more than I make in a year, yet there I was, sipping cocktails on deck like a rock star. This is one of the perks of being a travel



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writer.

The wind in my hair, I embraced first-class living on this two-night, three-day maritime expedition.

Compared to the gleaming fibreglass speedboats docked at the harbour nearby, the Pacific Yellowfin is understated. She is a classic wooden ship, with a history as diverse as Forrester Gump's. Through the years she's been a World War II coastal freighter, a tuna research vessel and a houseboat that accommodated a hippie commune of flower power. She's travelled clandestinely to search for Che Guevara and was involved

in the Bay of Pigs.

Today the Pacific Yellowfin is owned by Captain Colin Griffinson, an Irishman who renovated and converted it into a luxury charter yacht. A 114 footer that sleeps eight, the Pacific Yellowfin offers gourmet food, specially cooked by an executive chef, day excursions to nearby islands and a lot of toys: Jet skis, wakeboards, mountain bikes, water-skis, kayaks, water trampolines, air rifles, fishing gear and 49 cc motor scooters.

For those who dig boats, a trip to the engine room is yacht porn.

Chief Engineer Jack Dixon, 71, gave me a tour and ran through the daily mechanics of operating the vessel. He showed me the slow turning engines built in 1939 and the reserve tanks containing 18,000 gallons of diesel. "We could travel to China non-stop," Jack told me in his grizzly, sea dog voice.



JULIA DIMON FOR METRO CALGARY

The Pacific Yellowfin, which has been through World War II and the Bay of Pigs, now carries high-rolling clientele through British Columbia's Gulf Islands.

Instead of making our way to Asia, we anchored at Lyall Harbour, hopped into a smaller motor boat and toured the surrounding inlets. For those who are into wildlife, the Gulf Islands are home to orca whales, harbour seals and Steller sea lions.

I was lucky to see a threesome of sea lions basking their obese slippery bodies on a rocky out-

crop. As we approached, the dominant male perked up, waddled around and barked loudly. They were much bigger than I'd imagined, some can even reach weights of 1000 kg.

"Don't make eye contact with them" warned the Captain. Apparently, if they catch you looking at them, they'll sink into the water and disappear.

With this calibre of ani-

mal viewing, it's hard to imagine I was only a 20-minute seaplane flight away from downtown Vancouver. After an indulgent stay, it was pumpkin time. My days of playing Cinderella on the seas were over, and was time to return to my life as a lowly land-dweller.

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julia's tips

» Exposure, a Vancouver-based tour operator specializing in luxury travel, offers the "Gulf Island Gourmet," a three-day expedition aboard the Pacific Yellowfin. For more information visit www.exposure.travel.

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Star treatment at celeb-owned resorts

What do Robert Redford and Francis Ford Coppola have in common besides directing? They are all hoteliers.

Website *ProfessionalTravelGuide.com* has come up with a list of the world's top celebrity-owned resorts where the celebrities lay out the red carpet.

luxury resort with 18 rooms skirts a palm-studded beach. It is a chic beach counterpart to the jungle-bound Blancaneaux, listed No. 5 in this list, which is also owned by Coppola.

Guests will often book partial stays at both.

1. Robert Redford's eco-conscious Sundance Resort, North Fork Provo Canyon, Provo, Utah — The 5,000-acre resort at the base of Mount Timpanogos hosts musicals six times a week in summer, shows screenings of indie films and documentaries, and offers art classes.

2. Richard Branson's Necker Island, The Valley, Virgin Gorda, Necker Island, British Virgin Islands — Branson's private island resort is one of the Caribbean's most exclusive and expensive retreats where guests rent the entire island at a cost starting from \$23,500 US per night.

3. Francis Ford Coppola's Turtle Inn, Stann Creek District, Placencia, Belize — Located 3 kms out of town, this

4. Bono's The Clarence, 6/8 Wellington Quay, Dublin, Ireland — Founded in 1852, the property was a declining middle-grade house until its 1996 reincarnation as a posh 50-room boutique hotel. Across the river from The Morrison, this hotel is partly owned by impresario and venture capitalist, Bono, the frontman for the rock band U2, but his interest is purely profit.

5. Blancaneaux Lodge, Mountain Pine Ridge, Cayo District, San Ignacio, Belize — Located 130 km southwest of Belize City, in the hard-to-reach foothills of the Mountain Pine Ridge National Park, guests can sip cocktails in a bamboo bar or play croquet on the velvety lawn amid lush foliage.

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Reducing your condo's footprint

City helps residents be more eco-friendly

By CANDICE WARD
for Metro Calgary

Reduce, reuse and recycle may have a shot at becoming the catch phrase for the 21st century, but some Calgarians may have an easier time than others adapting to this eco-friendly lifestyle.

The City of Calgary offers homeowners discounted rates on eco-friendly items such as compost bins and rain barrels, but for condo-owners, reducing their ecological footprint is more challenging.

"People who are living in condos and apartments already have a lower (ecological) footprint than those in single family dwellings," says Lindsay Luhna, coordinator of Environmental Education for Clean Calgary.

The organization is a non-profit charitable group



that encourages Calgarians to create environmentally healthy homes through education, products and services.

Without a specific program in place for condo-owners, it is up to the individual to come up with their own ways of being

environmentally friendly.

Proposing a recycling program to your condo board and getting together as a building and trying to

reduce waste is one way to take the lead in reducing the footprint.

There are services in place in Calgary such as

Calgary Community Recycling that will arrange to pick up your recyclable materials on a weekly basis.

"Hiring a private recycler is a great way to go," says Luhna.

"You can divert between 20-40 per cent of your waste with a private recycler."

Like homeowners, condo-owners can also do some minor adjustments around the home to help reduce their ecological footprint, such as installing low-flow toilets, unplugging appliances and electronics when not in use or even starting a communal compost.

"If you choose to start composting at your building, you could bring your waste down even more," says Luhna.

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Resolving rent issues gets easier

New method available to solve disputes

By CANDICE WARD
for Metro Calgary

Landlords and tenants can put down the boxing gloves and step out of the ring, with a new solution to fighting out residential conflicts in our city.

The Residential Tenancy Dispute Resolution Service (RTDRS) will come to the rescue of many Calgarians when they open their doors this month, helping to reduce the legal wrangling for both landlord and tenants.

"This program is a proven success in helping tenants and landlords settle disputes without going through an ex-

pensive and time-consuming legal process," said Service Alberta Minister Heather Klimchuk in a press release.

This program first began as a year-long pilot program in Edmonton and because of its success it has expanded to other major centres including Calgary.

"It was a tremendous success and the government has decided to make the service province-wide by 2010," said Cam Traynor, a spokesperson for Service Alberta.

Each case is heard by a Tenancy Dispute Officer and has the same binding authority as the Courts would have.

Issues such as security deposits, unpaid rent, evictions and damages can be resolved by this service.

"The real benefit for both landlords and tenant is that



« From start to finish, a case could take as little as a week. »

Cam Traynor

they will have their dispute resolved without going to court," said Traynor.

This service is far more time-efficient than going

through the courts and only costs \$75.

"From start to finish, a case could take as little as a week," said Traynor.

The RTDRS will be accepting applications from landlords and tenants starting next Monday, June 16 and is located on the main floor of the Rocky Mountain Plaza at 230 7th Ave SE.

Tips for a 'greener' garden



When watering your lawn or garden, do it in the morning before the midday heat evaporates much of the moisture. Another good idea is a rain barrel, which collects precipitation and directs it back onto your plants and flowers – saving you water and money.

There's green and there's really green

By **CANDICE WARD**
for Metro Calgary

If it's a greener lawn and garden that you want, why not make a few 'green' adjustments to achieve a more eco-friendly yard?

With all the rain Calgary has seen in the last couple of weeks, it may be hard to think about gardening, but it may just be the perfect time to be altering some of your gardening practices.

"With all this rain we have been getting, you should not be watering your lawn, but people still are," says John Duncan, greenhouse manager for Greengate Garden Centre.

Duncan recommends purchasing a rain barrel to collect some of this natural untreated water that your

plants will thank you for.

When watering your lawn, water in the morning, before the midday heat to prevent evaporation.

Be sure to keep little ones away from the barrel or make sure to protect them by covering the barrel with a screen, as this should also help to keep those pesky mosquitoes out.

"You are saving some water and rain water is better for your plants because of the chlorine and chemicals that are in our city water," says Duncan.

The City of Calgary sells discounted rain barrels and compost bins to help your gardening become a little more eco-friendly.

Duncan also recommends using a composter, as this will create natural and safe fertilizer for your lawn and garden.

"It is really easy you just need to have space for it, the city has a really good

program for it, although it does take more time because of our cooler climate, but anything that will help reduce your waste," says Duncan.

Compost your lawn clippings or just leave them where they lay, this will prevent your lawn from losing moisture and will require less watering.

With just a few simple adjustments, you can use your green thumb to turn your lawn into an even better green.

ideas for greening up

- » Buy a push mower
- » Remove individual weeds instead of treating the whole lawn or garden
- » Blast insects with the hose as opposed to pesticides
- » Grow your own food and herbs
- » Add wood chips to your garden to prevent water evaporation and to discourage weeds

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Creating so-called outdoor rooms has undeniably been one of the hottest trends in gardening over the past few years. We've seen the advent of massive kitchen-style setups with sink and prep areas; outdoor furniture that's as glamorous and stylish (and expensive) as anything you'd choose to have

inside your home; and even chic new weatherproof lighting that includes chandeliers and table lamps.

Now, a wave of new rugs are available to tie your outdoor look together. Most are made of polypropylene, and many claim to be washable and comfortable as well. From deck to dock, they're an outdoor accessory you'll soon be encountering everywhere you turn.

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Country singing star Taylor Swift, left, will reportedly make a cameo appearance in *Hannah Montana: The Movie*.

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Anti-hero summer

Flawed characters find more space on big screen

By STEVE GOW
for Metro Calgary

In the upcoming *Incredible Hulk* movie, Edward Norton utters a phrase that perhaps best epitomizes the big-screen superhero: "When I lose control, it's very dangerous to be around me."

No kidding! Anyone who unwittingly turns into a rampaging green monster when they're ticked off is definitely somebody I'd rather not sit across from at the euchre table. But, as a superhero, shouldn't we admire The Hulk's feats and noble qualities instead of fear him?

Well, not necessarily. When a character is reluctant, flawed or devoid of the attributes we associate with altruistic heroism, that character is called an anti-hero and there are few better examples than The Hulk. Whereas traditional heroes brave danger for the sake of others, the character of Bruce



The Hulk, pictured here, is a classic example of a big screen anti-hero.

Banner merely copes with the gamma-radiation accident that reluctantly turned him into a monstrous rage.

While anti-heroes have been prevalent in cinema since the days of pulp fiction (think Sam Spade in *The Maltese Falcon*), they only continue to increase in popularity. Many critics argue that this advancing popularity is hinged on a cynical recognition that people find naturally-flawed characters more believable.

This summer surely vindicates that notion. In addition to the *Incredible Hulk*, such movies as *Wanted*, *Hellboy 2*, *Death Race* and even *Indiana Jones* are relying on the anti-

heroic traits of their lead characters to attract audiences.

It began with *Iron Man*, a superhero whose alter-ego is fraught with human frailties. A loner who drinks, smokes and womanizes; by comparison, he makes Superman look like a Quaker.

Vengeance is often an attribute of anti-heroism. This summer, it's best represented with *The Dark Knight*. Not only does that film feature the vigilante justice of Batman but it introduces an even more dubious anti-hero in Harvey Two-Face (Aaron Eckhart), a district attorney who transforms into a savage killer. Two-Face is the consummate anti-hero in that, being on the

side of justice, he only kills the bad dudes — a morally complex question to be sure.

Then there is Will Smith. In his new action-comedy *Hancock*, he simply plays a hard-drinking superhero that's described as "edgy, conflicted, sarcastic, and misunderstood"; he even seems to get jiggy by threatening little kids.

While these characteristics aren't admirable, we still empathize with anti-heroes because they represent our own flaws and thereby embody the promise that we too can overcome our frailties for the greater good. As for me, well, I'm just relieved my central frailty doesn't happen to be a bad attitude and green skin.

Jesse McCartney takes Departure

Singer works with OneRepublic star on new album

By SANDY CAETANO
for Metro Calgary

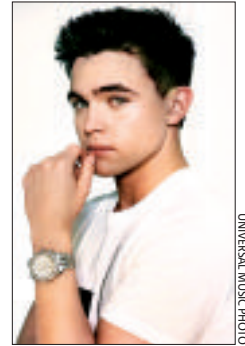
Following the incredible success that *Bleeding Love* — the smash single from British pop singer Leona Lewis — achieved on international charts, Jesse McCartney is in demand.

McCartney, who collaborated with OneRepublic's Ryan Tedder to write *Bleeding Love*, says he now has many new writing opportunities to choose from.

McCartney had known about Tedder's writing abilities for a while, and so the pair decided to meet up prior to the release of OneRepublic's radio and ringtone hit *Apologize*.

McCartney says he was in the studio working with Tedder on material for *Departure* — McCartney's latest studio album — when they came up with the tune *Bleeding Love*.

The track didn't make the



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Jesse McCartney's latest album, *Departure*, was released last month.

cut on *Departure*, so it was temporarily put aside while the album was recorded.

Unlike his previous albums, *Departure* is just that — an effort to move on to something new and different.

"The last couple of years have been interesting, I feel like I've opened a new chapter ... got my own place now, been single for a year and a half," says McCartney about the basis for his songs. "It's honest, and I feel like the fans appreciate stuff like that ... makes for great songwriting."

Seven Wonders

Egoyan explores love, tech in film

MOVIES Writer-director Atom Egoyan will blend reality and fantasy in his next film, the love triangle *Seven Wonders*. The project centers on a woman named Pandora who, after her own relationship goes south, becomes consumed by a relationship between a commercials director and the director's boyfriend.

REUTERS

material girl

Madonna gives up acting career

MOVIES Madonna has vowed never to act again — because she would prefer to establish herself in Hollywood as a filmmaker, *imdb.com* reports.

The star has had lead roles in films such as *Desperately Seeking Susan*, *Dick Tracy* and *Evita*, for which she won a Best Actress Golden Globe in 1997.

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music

Nas moves album release date

NEW TUNES Rapper Nas' new album has shifted on the release schedule yet again, this time moving from July 1 to July 15. In May, the rapper dropped the disc's original title, *N*gger*, and reclassified the album as an untitled project. **REUTERS**

50 Cent can't sell property

A New York judge yesterday ordered U.S. rapper 50 Cent not to sell the property where a fire destroyed his \$2.4-million US home and where his ex-girlfriend lived with their son.

State Supreme Court Justice Carol Edmead also ordered the woman, Shaniqua Tompkins, to pay the rapper

\$4,500 in rent by Friday for staying in the house during its final month, lawyers for both sides said.

Tompkins sued 50 Cent, whose real name is Curtis Jackson, for half of his estate based on an oral agreement the two made early in their relationship, said Tompkins' lawyer, Paul Catsandonis.

Tompkins was living in the Long Island home with their 10-year-old son until a fire broke out on May 30. Police said they were investigating the fire as suspicious.

Tompkins escaped through a window and six people, including children, were treated for smoke inhalation, Catsandonis said. **REUTERS**



Metal Gear Solid 4

So good, you may cry

By JONATHAN P. KUEHLEIN
for Metro Calgary

Ken Imaizumi knew after all the long hours he and hundreds of others had worked on making Metal Gear Solid 4 something special had paid off when they made a woman cry. The veteran video game producer said he knew because the woman in question was from the Japanese ratings board.

"She watches the videos for all the new games — up to 5,000 games a year — and when she watched the video of this game, and she got to the end, she cried," Imaizumi told Metro at a Konami preview event recently in San Francisco.

"She said: 'This is not just a game.'" This emotion-

packed stealth/action game, the latest in a franchise that has sold more than 20 million units over the last decade and a half, hits the streets exclusively for PlayStation 3 tomorrow and assistant producer Ryan Payton definitely agrees the creators have come up with something special.

"It's not your normal game," Payton said. "There are so many elements, layers and layers of complexity and jokes and story. It was really an epic development experience and it's an epic game playing experience as well."

As for what fans can expect from MGS4, the producer said, simply, the end.

"This is Solid Snake's final mission," Imaizumi noted.

"His saga is finished."

Potter prequel sells for \$49K at auction

An 800-word hand-written story by bestselling author J.K. Rowling, which she describes as a prequel to the Harry Potter boy wizard books, sold for 25,000 pounds (\$49,000 US) at a charity auction yesterday.

Thirteen writers and illustrators donated original short stories on notebook-sized pieces of card to Waterstone's book store chain which sold them to benefit English PEN, which champions freedom of expression, and Dyslexia Action.

Rowling's tale accounted for more than half the night's proceeds of 47,150 pounds, although it could yet be considered a literary bargain.

In December, a hand-written, illustrated book of wizardry by Rowling fetched 1.95 million pounds at another charity auction, nearly 40 times its expected price.

"I had great fun writing the card and I'm absolutely delighted that it has raised 25,000 pounds for two such worthy causes," the 42-year-old said in a statement.

The story is set three years before Harry Potter is born and features the characters Sirius Black and Harry's father James.

The Potter series has sold more than 350 million copies worldwide and has been translated into 65 languages.

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Johnny Depp, right, is Britain's favourite actor, a survey suggests. Depp beat its home-grown stars like Daniel Craig, Sir Sean Connery and Orlando Bloom to top the poll, conducted by the Cinema Advertising Association.

BBC NEWS ONLINE



injury

Dash cracks ribs with circus stunt

TELEVISION Clueless star Stacey Dash is nursing three cracked ribs when a circus stunt on a new reality U.S.



Dash

TV show went wrong, *imdb.com* reports.

The actress fell while trying to climb a length of fabric, in a stunt for the forthcoming *Celebrity Circus*.

Dash isn't the only injured participant; former *Brady Bunch* star Christopher Knight fractured his forearm on a giant disc dubbed the German Wheel; and Olympic swimmer Janet Evans fell from a trapeze.

The show, which also stars model Rachel Hunter and Jackass' Wee Man, premieres on NBC today.

fire on set

Stuntman dies on John Woo film set

MOVIES A stuntman died and six other people have been hurt in a fire on the set of the latest John Woo film, *BBC News Online* reports.

A small boat was deliberately set alight for an action sequence being shot for the historical epic *Red Cliff* in the Chinese capital, Beijing.

But the flames spread more widely than expected, engulfing a second, larger vessel and killing a 23-year-old man.

His fellow crew members were "deeply distraught and full of regret," they said in a statement.

They were "making every effort to make arrangements for the deceased, his family and the injured crew members," they added.

Woo, who had been on a promotional trip to Hong Kong, rushed back to the set following the tragedy.

The film tells the story of a battle in feudal-era China.

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Fox buys rights to Mosque

REACH FOR THE TOP:

There were high-fives all around at the CBC this week with the announcement that 20th Century Fox Television had bought U.S. rights for an adaptation of *Little Mosque On The Prairie*. There had, apparently, been interest in the show south of the border for some time before Fox and Westwind Pictures announced the deal at Banff's World Television Festival, and the Canadian producer had been negotiating with Fox before the Hollywood writers' strike forced them to take a temporary break.

According to a *Hollywood Reporter* story, the deal doesn't preclude the original Canadian version from being aired stateside, and



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Westwind's Mary Darling, executive producer of the CBC version said that they were pleased with the deal.

"Fox got the creative vision of the show, that it has to be funny while it treads sensitively on certain Muslim issues," Darling told the *Hollywood Reporter*.

I'm aware that Canadians — and especially Canadian media executives — are pro-

grammed to say things like this, but here's where I really start to worry. Treading sensitively might sound like a prudent course for a politician, but it's a sure recipe for bad comedy, and I'd like to hope that whoever ends up making Fox's version of *Little Mosque* — no writer has been attached to the show, yet — will not tread lightly, around any issues, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Jewish, Jain, Hindu or Zoroastrian.

I am not a fan of the CBC show, not because of its subject matter or setting, but because it's simply dire comedy, limp, lifeless, bad-dump comic set-up and delivery that feels dated, and manages to channel the stalest essence



Little Mosque On The Prairie cast, left to right: Zaib Shaikh (Amaar), Sitara Hewitt (Rayyan), Carlo Rota (Yasir), Sheila McCarthy (Sarah) and Manoj Sood (Baber).

of three-camera, laugh-track sitcoms in a single-camera, laugh-track-free setting — an unrewarding sleight-of-hand that Canadian comedy is too fond of replicating.

The best comedy is cruel and irreverent, and Fox, for all its many flaws (Family

Guy, I'm looking at you) is aware of this irrevocable comic law. Anyone hoping to make a comedy that "treads sensitively" would have to either be a fool — or a Canadian.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

critics' corner

Rent-A-Goalie

"Old Yeller," anyone? Maybe shooting Joey (Joe Pingue) isn't necessary, but he is convinced he has rabies after being bitten by one of his fighting squirrels. He locks himself in a room, it's up to his wife and Cake (Michelle Nolden, Christopher Bolton) to get him out. And the chomping squirrel continues to be on the loose, sending more people to Doc's (Matt Gordon) office. 10:30 PM on SHOW



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Hank (Fred Ewanick) is psychic?? Apparently. When his vague dreams seem to predict the future, he's sure he's got a gift. Wanda and Brent (Nancy Robertson, Brent Butt) laugh it off, but one of them stops giggling when a prediction comes true. Lacey and Oscar (Gabrielle Miller, Eric Peterson) team up to fix a pothole in "Key to the Future." 12:30 PM on COM

Star Trek: Voyager

The Borg are bad enough without attitude. But with it? In "Collective," a group of teenage Borg who were rejected by the Collective as unworthy seizes a *Voyager* shuttle. In order to free Chakotay, Kim, Neelix and Paris (Robert Beltran, Garrett Wang, Ethan Phillips, Robert Duncan McNeill), Capt. Janeway (Kate Mulgrew) enters into hostage negotiations. 6 PM on SPACE

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Baby girl for Spelling

Tori Spelling and husband Dean McDermott welcomed their second child, a daughter, on Monday, *People.com* has confirmed. Stella Doreen McDermott was born at 3:13 p.m. in a Los Angeles hospital via C-section. She weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long, a rep for Spelling says.

The couple also have a 1-year-old son, Liam Aaron. McDermott, 41, has a son, Jack, 9, from a previous marriage.

Spelling, 35, revealed she was expecting a girl in March.

Metro News Services

Extreme diet made Hathaway cry

Anne Hathaway had to endure a gruelling diet to slim down for her role in *The Devil Wears Prada* — insisting she and co-star Emily Blunt would “cry because they were so hungry,” *imdb.com* reports.

Hathaway plays a journalist who lands her first job on a high profile fashion magazine — and her character is forced to

slim down to fit in with her image-obsessed colleagues.

She says, “I was basically stuck with fruit, vegetables and fish. I wouldn’t recommend that. Emily Blunt and I would clutch at each other and cry because we were so hungry.” *Metro News Services*

Theron blasts ‘sad’ celebrities

Oscar winner Charlize Theron has blasted celebrities who constantly court media attention — branding their attitude “ugly,” *imdb.com* reports.

The actress is sick of fame-obsessed stars, insisting she finds it “sad” to see people strive to be paparazzi fodder. She tells Britain’s *Gq* magazine:

“It comes across as this really sad need for approval. I’ve heard people make comments like, ‘You don’t really want to be in the tabloids but you need to be for your career’. They believe it’s actually important. It’s not. It’s ugly.”

Metro News Services

Bale best dressed

Christian Bale has been named as one of the best dressed men in the world, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The *Dark Knight* actor has been recognized for his love of sharp suits in a new style list by men’s magazine *Esquire*. Grammy-award winning US rapper Lupe Fiasco and Cameron Diaz’s rumoured ex-boyfriend,

environmentalist David Mayer de Rothschild, also joined Bale in the top 10.

Esquire fashion director Catherine Hayward said: “Powerful men know how to dress themselves and often stick to a uniform. Each of the men in our list has given a teasing twist to traditional tailoring and made the look entirely their own.”

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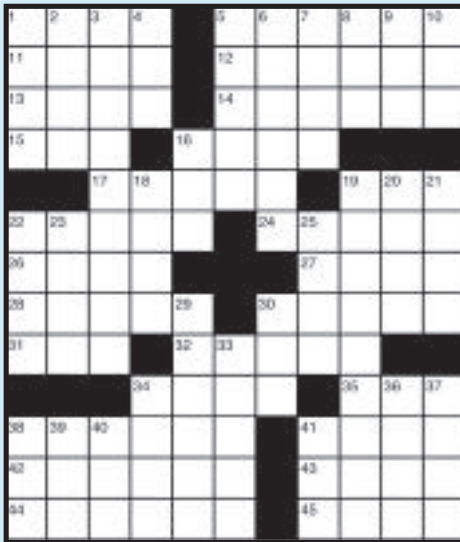
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- 3 Transformed
- 4 Binary digit
- 5 Gave a hoot
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- 9 Top a torte
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- 16 Have dinner
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- 30 Finale
- 33 Make blank
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- 38 Get-up-and-go
- 39 Everything
- 40 Coffee, in slang
- 41 Mine material

across»

- 1 Food in a shell
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- 12 For each
- 13 High digit
- 14 Lease signer
- 15 Adj. modifier
- 16 Hot
- 17 Piano piece
- 19 Fare carrier
- 22 Disrobe
- 24 Peach center
- 26 Loathe
- 27 Pay to play
- 28 Bring to bear
- 30 "Viva Las Vegas" star
- 31 Pulled off
- 32 Therefore
- 34 Buddy, in Westerns
- 35 "Far out, man!"
- 38 Broadway's "— Game"
- 41 Shrek, for one
- 42 Weds in secret
- 43 Horse halter
- 44 Make happy
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Find three consecutive, positive whole numbers such that the sum of the first and third numbers is 1,136.

Thursday's Answer

The answer is 11.
Many people find it hard to solve this puzzle easily and many find it tricky. Maggie's discovery was #11 of 1,136 consecutive whole numbers. It was found by using the formula: $n^2 + n + 1 = 1,136$ and $n = 11$ (checkmate).

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instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

Under 13 minutes
13-17 minutes
17-21
21-25
More than 25

Genius
Scholar
Smart
Pretty good
Keep practising

previous answer

8	3	2	1	5	7	4	9	6
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5	9	6	4	7	1	3	2	8
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4	6	3	7	9	5	8	1	2
9	2	8	3	1	6	7	4	5
7	1	5	8	4	2	6	3	9

This Day IN HISTORY

June 11, 1184 BC: Trojan War: Troy was sacked and burned, according to the calculations of Eratosthenes.

June 11, 1963: Buddhist monk Thích Quang Duc burns himself with gasoline in a busy Saigon inter-

section to protest the lack of religious freedom in South Vietnam.

June 11, 1970: Anna Mae Hays and Elizabeth P. Hoisington officially receive their ranks as U.S. Army Generals — the first females to do so. WIKIPEDIA.ORG

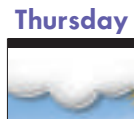
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